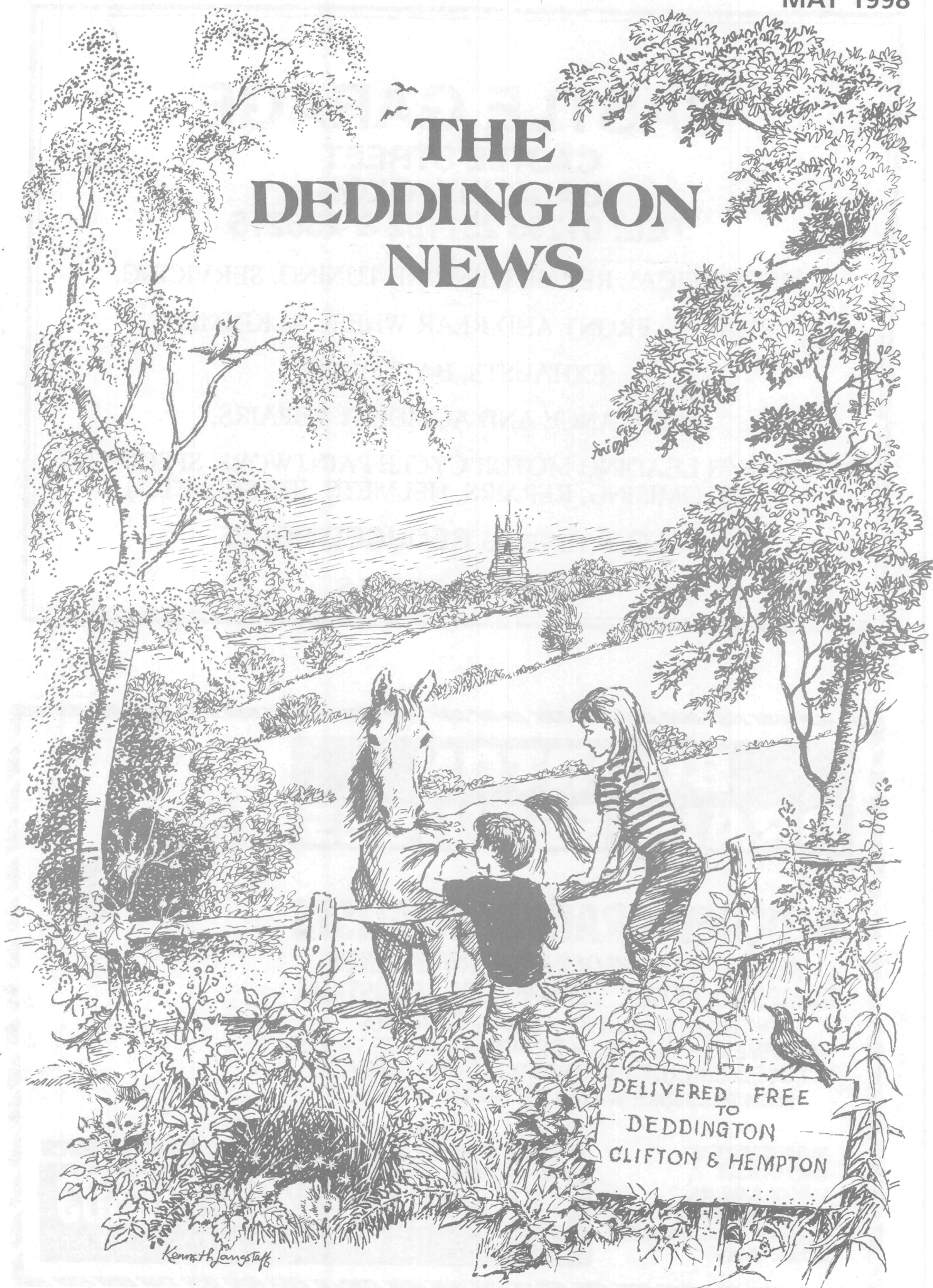


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EDITORIAL

If the Parish Council 'election' has turned out to be something of a damp squib, April's rain could have doused the biggest firework ever lit. Deddington and Hempton ride the ironstone outcrop. Clifton doesn't. George Fenemore's article will make you smile, but the Clifton flash floods that inspired it must have been far from a joke. Any Water Board asking for a hosepipe ban this summer could receive a very dusty answer from all of us who have wrung our hands (and much else) throughout the century's wettest April.

The PC (auto)biographies on p. 3 reveal only eleven names. There are fourteen seats on the Council. All candidates are therefore automatically returned and the election is cancelled. For such an active parish the paucity of candidates is surprising. We are right to be content with our lot but complacency lends hostages to fortune.

Gay Brewer asks for more volunteer help for the Youth Club. As she says, 'This is an important club for the village'. Computer games are great but they don't do much for the leg muscles or for social skills. But group activities demand planning and supervision.

Elsewhere you'll find a report on the successful launch of the Deddington History Society.

Congratulations to the Deddington Map Group for their £2,000 grant from Rural Action. After the paintings at the Holly Tree Studio we have the Oxfordshire Artweek to look forward to.

Compete in, cheer on and sponsor the Fun Run on May 25 (the Windmill Centre's Open Day).

And on May 30 find out how Deddington's Fire Service proposes to achieve the impossible - rowing on dry land.

Kristin Thompson

Fridays	Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10-12.
Fridays	Mother and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.45 - 11.45 am
Sundays	British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm.

MAY DIARY

Sat 2	British Legion: Moosehead (Live music), 8.45 pm.
Mon 4	Monday Morning Club: Holly Tree, 10 am. - noon.
Wed 6	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
Th 7	Polling day for District Council Election.
Fr 8	Deddington Gardeners visit to Spring Show, Malvern. (p.9)
Fr 8	British Legion: Solo Sound Disco, 8.45 pm.
Sat 9	British Legion: Junior Disco, 3 pm- 5 pm.
Tu 12	WI: Resolutions, Mrs V Blake, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm
Wed 13	Friendship Club: Discussion, "The Meeting's Views on the Royal Family", Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed 13	Monday Morning Club visit to Broughton Castle. Bus leaves Market Place at 5.30 pm.
Sat/Sun 16	Waste paper skip at school. This will now appear only every second month.
Sat 16 - Sun 24	Oxfordshire Artweek: Deddington Artists display, Town Hall, 10 am-5 pm.
Sat 16 - Sun 24	Oxfordshire Artweek: Manor Farm, Clifton, Exhibition of paintings 10 am- 4pm.
Tu 19	WI: Coach trip to Kew, £7 exc. entrance fee. (p.9)
Tu 19	COPY DATE FOR JUNE DEDDINGTON NEWS.
Wed 20	Parish Council AGM nd inauguration of incoming council, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
Sat 23	British Legion: Jefferson Kane (Live music), 8.45 pm.
Sat 23	Choros & Clarendon String Quartet Concert, Bach and All That Jazz, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. Cont.p.14

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Main points of meeting held in the Town Hall, Wednesday, 15 April 1998.

Attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Cosgrove, Drake, Fisher, Stevens, Swash, Todd, C/Cllr Matthews, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, and 5 parishioners.

GET WELL SOON

Cllr Lee was absent through illness. PC wished her a speedy recovery.

WOT, NO ELECTION?

Only 11 candidates were nominated for 14 vacancies, so all will automatically become Councillors. They are Ron Church, Bryan Clarke, Maureen Cox, Linda Davies, Joan Fisher, Jim Flux, Mandy Harper, Betty Hill, Charles Newey, Pat Swash and Geoff Todd. [Congratulations, but I do wish there had been enough candidates for an election - NCS]

LOW COST HOUSING

D/Cllr O'Sullivan was thanked for his help in securing agreement on the width of the roads (see April News). All applicants have been contacted again. 20 have responded.

THE MILLENNIUM

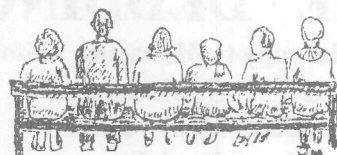
New ideas being discussed include a Memorial Entrance to the Hempton Road Cemetery; a central feature in Deddington Market Place; extended/enhanced programme of tree-planting on approach roads; Car Park; Village Fair and/or Dance; events for older people. Decisions are for the incoming PC. Applications for Millennium Commission larger grants must be in by August 1998: for those under £5,000 the application period is Jan-June 1999. [The Millennium Map, Daeda's Wood and Deddington Online are existing projects - NCS.]

NEWS IN BRIEF

- PC supports application by the Cricket Club for lottery funds to encourage youth cricket.
- PC congratulated the Netball Club on excellent team performances.
- With 5 football teams next year, playing facilities will be used to capacity.

CLIFTON

- Condition of the play area is still unsatisfactory. CDC to be consulted.
- Car parking problems to be referred to Highways Department, and actual obstructions to the Police.
- Surface drainage, a long-standing problem, was totally inadequate to cope with recent flood conditions. Thames Water acknowledge responsibility, but remedial action has low priority compared with more extreme problems elsewhere.



PLANNING

PC has NO OBJECTION to (1) sunblind at delicatessen, Market Place; (2) change of use to retail at 4 Market Place; (3) reduction of holly tree at Leadenporch House (subject to agreement of CDC experts).

PC OBJECTS to (1) revised proposals for development at Pretoria House, Market Place, and adjacent office/stores - the original objections still apply: (2) erection of 2 houses at Bachelors Row, Hempton - wrong drawings submitted: (3) conversion of garage to office at Cotswold House, New Street - loss of parking.

CUT THAT SPEED

- Chapel Square priority scheme to be further improved.
- Speed cameras may be installed permanently in New Street.
- Tenders for Earls Lane traffic calming include re-instatement of white line by Earls Court.
- Hempton priority system is working well, and the cost was below estimate.

WINDMILL CENTRE

The audit has been completed. All Clubs using the Centre and its facilities are urged to appoint a representative to the Windmill Committee. Vandalism is a problem, particularly between 7pm and 7.30pm on Youth Club nights. Club Secretaries are asked to keep an eye on this, and the village steward may be willing to supervise at the door for a limited period. Youth Club urgently needs young volunteer helpers.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

Total £610,159.89, of which £500,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 7.6%; £50,000 Treasury @ 6.5%; £40,385.99 and £6,895 on 14 days @ 4.875%; £12,878.90 @ 3.5% overnight.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Under new legislation, PCs will no longer have a right to appoint any School Governors. PC will protest to Dept of Education and local MP.

LIBRARY

On 16 May, the County Council is holding a conference of friends and supporters of local libraries. Deddington will be represented.

OUTGOING PC

The Chairman, Jim Flux, thanked all Parish Councillors and C/Cllr Matthews and D/Cllr O'Sullivan, for all their hard work and support. [Hear! Hear! and special thanks to the Chairman - NCS]

NEXT MEETING, WINDMILL CENTRE

Wednesday 20 May, 7.30pm, AGM and inauguration of incoming Parish Council.

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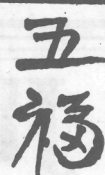
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RON CHURCH - Married, 2 children, 1 granddaughter; am a Manager with a major London borough. Moved to Deddington in 1991 and as a Councillor hope to repay the community for the friendship and support we have received. Special interests include low cost housing essential for a balanced community, and the environment - balancing progress while retaining character and maintaining a community which cares.

BRYAN CLARKE - Deddington born and bred. Worked at Parker Knoll, Chipping Norton, for 27 years. Was a regular member of Deddington Football Club for 30 years, taking an interest in sport for the younger members of the Parish. Represented the Council on the Windmill Committee and was a School Governor.

MAUREEN COX - My aim is to represent and meet the needs of the Parish to the best of my ability. I will only be able to fulfil this role with your help, co-operation and support. I am accessible and approachable. I will represent you at Council meetings if you contact me with your views and concerns. Use me, I'm there to serve.

LINDA C. DAVIES - I am 35, with a young daughter. I moved into Clifton only recently but have had family links with Deddington for over 16 years so feel I know it. I have been struck by the considerable friendliness of everyone I have met here and the strong sense of community. It is something I will endeavour to continue and promote during my time on the Parish Council.

JOAN FISHER - My family has lived and farmed in the village since the 1890s. I would like to see the village prosper as a rural community and not descend into an urban nonentity.

A.F.F.(JIM) FLUX - Has owned a house in Deddington for 27 years; retired early 9 years ago from International Management; on the Parish Council for last 4 years; Parish Church member; bellringer; Deddington School Governor; member of Deddington Players, who organise village pantomimes and other events. Started Deddington Day Care for the Frail Elderly. Chair of North Oxfordshire College. Involved with voluntary work.

MANDY HARPER - Clifton has been home to myself, my husband and 2 young sons for 6 years. For 2 years I chaired Deddington School PTA. Courses in photography and garden design occupy my time, also golf and walking. In standing for Parish Councillor I particularly wanted to provide a voice for Clifton and the increasing number of young families in the Parish.

BETTY HILL - I have lived in Deddington for 33 years. I am an architect (retired), potter and gardener. The last 8 years as a Parish Councillor have been both rewarding and frustrating. Ever the optimist, my hope is that in the next 4 years Parish Councils will have more influence on issues affecting their Parishes.

CHARLES NEWAY - I lived in Somerton for 20 years and have been in Deddington for 3. Somerton has no pub so I've got to know some parts of Deddington and its people well! As a Councillor some of my concerns will be with speeding and parking and ways of fostering our community, from developing our website on the Internet to having a special village celebration for the year 2000.

PAT SWASH - has lived with her husband and 2 grown-up children in Deddington since 1982. During the last 12 years on the Parish Council her particular responsibilities have included Best Kept Village and anti-litter campaigns, transport and planning. Previously she worked at the Post Office in Deddington.

GEOFF TODD - Parish Councillor for 8 years, Chairman 1995-97. Resident for 14 years. Retired senior police officer and former local government official. Oxfordshire Association of Young People Executive Committee member; Charity fund raiser; Friend of Deddington Library. Enjoys bowls.

..... THE DN'S NEW DUPLICATING MACHINE.

Last month the DN took advantage of a very good offer and replaced the elderly duplicating machine that has, with increasingly arthritic groans, been churning out over 1000 copies of this magazine every month. The original machine was, in fact, owned by the Parish Council. The new machine is owned outright by the DN, thanks to our Treasurer, Buffy Heywood, who has prudently managed revenue for just such a necessity. The PC then sold the old machine and generously offered the proceeds to be put towards the cost of the new machine. We extend our thanks to them, as well.

This is an occasion to pay tribute to the duplicating team - Ruth Johnson, assisted by Jo Mace and Roy Berridge. It can take up to four hours to make master copies of each page and then run off the subsequent copies. I can attest to the team's meticulous attention to detail. Many a dubious editorial margin has been saved by Ruth's care.

(Ed.)

A black and white line drawing of three children walking from left to right. They are all carrying very large, heavy backpacks that appear to be weighing them down. The child on the left is leaning forward, the middle child is hunched over, and the child on the right is struggling to keep their balance. The drawing is simple, with bold lines and no shading.

With the weather set to improve, we are looking forward to an enjoyable summer term. Alongside their everyday work in basic skills, our younger children will be studying 'Plants and Animals', whilst the older children will learn about Kenya.

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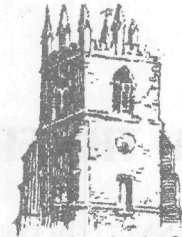
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APPEAL REPORT, MAY 1998

The total of moneys donated, promised and covenanted is now **£146,343.**

A small but enthusiastic audience enjoyed the Mandolin Concert by Barry Pratt and his Danish partners, Tove Flensburg and Per G. Hansen. The works played came from several European countries and spanned three centuries. The harpsichord-like sound was enchanting and unusual - a first for Deddington.

Alex Soddy gave his organ recital, assisted by soloists from the Banbury Operatic Society, in the Congregational Church on April 18. The standard of playing of this young man, who seems to have graduated effortlessly from the piano to the organ, calls for admiration. £208 was raised for the Appeal. Many thanks to Alex Soddy and everyone involved. JEAN FLUX (with Elizabeth Tothill and Frank Steiner).

WHAT'S ON

Mon. May 25: The 10 km. Fun Run, 10.30 am. (Further details below).

Sat. May 30: New date for Sponsored Row by Deddington Fire Service, in the Market Place, 9 am. to noon. (For sponsorship details see poster in S. S. Peter and Paul Church porch.)

Sat. June 28: Christine Blentoft opens her garden at The Old Post House, New Street, 3pm.

FUN RUN - DETAILS

Registration: On the day in the Market Place or, **preferably**, in advance as entries are limited to 200.

Sponsorship forms: Available from any Deddington shop displaying '10K Race and Fun Run' poster.

Parking: In the Market Place, the Primary School or The Windmill Centre. Competitors should allow sufficient time to get to the start of the Run - at the **gated road to Milton.**

Changing facilities at the Primary School; refreshments and additional toilets at the Church.

Clothing will be collected from the start and taken to the finish at **The Windmill Centre.**

Minimum age: 15 years. For further info. contact : Race Director, 4, The Beeches, Deddington.

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KATHARINE HOUSE COFFEE MORNING -: On Friday April 3, in the Church, the Revd. Ken Reeves handed over a cheque for £1000 to Neil Gadsby, Director of the Katharine House Hospice. Mr. Gadsby expressed his appreciation and, in his turn, gave a contribution from the Hospice to the Church Restoration Appeal.

This is the third donation that the Coffee Morning has been able to make to Katharine House, largely thanks to Pat Brittain and her team, who organise the occasion. There are twelve people in the team. They come from as far afield as Wroxton and all are dedicated Hospice volunteers.

Apart from raising money, this Friday 'spot' is most enjoyable. People come together to chat and exchange news or perhaps to buy small presents from the varied objects for sale. The Church flower arrangers and pew dusters gratefully refresh themselves and the local Carers also meet here from time to time. Truly, a village morning and everyone is welcome. Highly recommended as part of your week's schedule !

(Ed.)

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG



FROM ANNIE LOWDEN, LLANDYSUL, DYFED

All my family and I would like to say 'thank you' most emphatically to everyone in Deddington for all their kindness, support and sympathy received on the death of my dear father, Dick Bolton. We are most grateful.

FROM ROY HART, CHAIRMAN, DEDDINGTON ORIGINAL GOLF SOCIETY

The Chairman, Secretary and the Committee of Deddington Original Golf Society would like to thank the family of the late Eric Spencer for their kindness in donating a new golf trophy to the Society, to be played for annually by its members. It is a fitting tribute to a remarkable man. Sincere thanks from all members of D.O.G.S.

FROM BILL DRAKE, LOKE COTTAGE, CASTLE STREET

Walking through the Tchure recently with friends, I commented that I had never heard an origin, date or meaning of this unusual word. Two of the friends, interested in word enigmas, have come up with the following suggestions. An Anglo-Saxon expert they know doubts the spelling: apparently 'tch' occurs only in Slavonic languages. His Saxon/Norse dictionary gave 'ure' as a very old Scottish word for 'man'. There was also a possible connexion with 'yew'. From Dr. Johnson's Dictionary came, first, 'ure', meaning 'practice, use or habit' (already obsolete); second, 'shear', meaning 'to take an indirect course'; thirdly, 'sheard' or 'shard', meaning 'a fragment of earthenware or, possibly, land'; finally, 'shear' as in sheep shearing - a common sense approach. Dr. Johnson also lists 'chirrie', a noise, possibly, of sheep. A challenge to all philologists.

FROM COLIN ROBINSON, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

The report of the Parish Council meeting (April DN) might be read to mean that only one parish Millennium project is actually in progress. Besides the formidable Map project with its related publications, there are two others, to my knowledge, well under way and both have received PC support. Daeda's Wood is the first of the national Millennium 'Woods on Your Doorstep' and should prove to be a lasting monument. Our community website, Deddington onLine, has been launched to prepare Deddington for the radical, ongoing communications and media innovations of the next century.

SHEILA REESE

The DN received a letter this week from Sheila Reese and her family, thanking '*all the people in Deddington*' who had been '*so kind and caring during her recent illness and bereavement, and for all the prayers, cards and loving messages.*' Sadly, Sheila Reese herself died before we could print the letter. (Ed.)

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Miraculously Daeda's Wood survived the recent deluge almost unscathed.

There was a mini-flood where the Swere burst its banks near the wild-flower meadow, and a few saplings got wet feet, but it could have been very much worse. The soggy weather, however,

meant the postponement of most of the action planned for April - grass cutting, weed treatment, fence building - Providing things have dried up sufficiently this should largely all have happened by the time you read this. The pollarding of one of the willows I mentioned last month turned into a mass operation after the Environment Agency (former Rivers Authority) did their periodical check-up. It will be some years before they're back, hence the fairly drastic action on a number of older or less healthy trees. It's all for the ultimate good, of course, but has left part of the river bank looking sadly naked until re-growth starts. Still it has also provided us with a heap of new deadwood habitat.

HORSE RIDERS! One or two of you seem to have missed the new notices at both entrances. Please note and spread the word: **there is no bridle path through the wood.**



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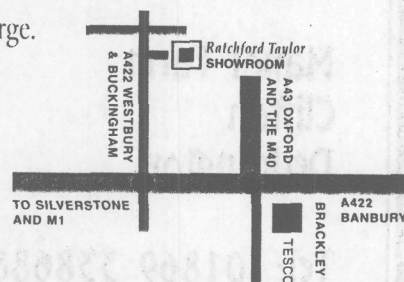
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Thu 7 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.

Sun 10 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Wed 13 10am Holy Communion.

Thu 14 3.30pm Holy Communion in St Anne's Home, Clifton.

Sun 17 Rogation Sunday. 10.30am Eucharist in the grounds of Castle Farm, Clifton Road, Deddington (by permission of Mr and Mrs Nobbs) In this service we ask God to bless our farms, farm workers and crops.

NB No service in Church.

Wed 29 10am Holy Communion

Sun 24 8am Holy Communion (BCP).

10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP)

Wed 27 10am Holy Communion followed by Service of Healing.

Thu 28 8pm St Berinus Chapter of the Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary will sing their office, followed by Benediction.

Sun 31 Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

10.30am Sung Eucharist.

May Services (St John, Hempton).

Sun 3 9am Eucharist.

Sun 17 9am Eucharist.

Thu 21 Ascension Day 8pm Eucharist.

Sun 24 Evensong (BCP).

Children's Church will be in church at 10.30am on Sun May 3. On the other Sundays of the month children will meet at 10.30am first in church and then in the Town Hall.

Bible Study Group will meet on Monday 11 May at 2pm in 15 Grove Court (Mrs Ridd).

Alpha Course If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith, then please join us for this course, which will start in Deddington at the end of September or the beginning of October. All will be welcome. Planning for the Course is just starting.

Vicar's "Day off". I should be most grateful if you would not call me on Mondays, unless there is an emergency.

Friday mornings 9am Mattins is said in Deddington Church.

10am-noon Coffee mornings in aid of Katherine House Hospice.

Bellringing.

In addition to Monday evenings and Sunday Mornings there will be bellringing on 30 May, 5.30 - 6.15pm FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE:

18 April, in Deddington Church, SHAUN LEONARD PROW and CLAIRE JOSEPHINE GIBBS.

FUNERALS: 31 March in Deddington, WILFRED LEWIN BROWN, aged 85 years.

3 April in Deddington, RICHARD BERTIE BOLTON, aged 70 years.

9 April in Deddington, ARTHUR TOMPKINS, aged 73 years. KEN REEVES (338329)

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Sun 24 - Mr John Hine of Kirtlington.

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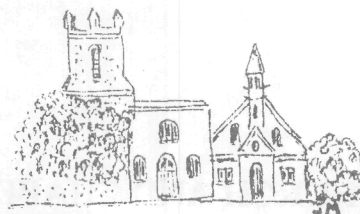
Wens 20 May: Ascension Day Vigil Mass - 7pm at Adderbury.

Thu 21 May: Ascension Day - 10am and 7.30pm at Hethe.

Parish Priest: Rev A. J. BURNS (277396)

INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

Monday 18 May 7.45pm Ecumenical Prayer Group at Cromwell House, Market Place.





CHURCH AND CHAPEL cont.

TRIBUTES:

WILFRED LEWIN BROWN, aged 85 years.

Wilf was born in Emsworth, Portsmouth, and after school he trained in aircraft instrumentation at RAF Cranwell. In 1937 he married Daisy and they had a son, Roy. During the war he served abroad, most notably in India, which country he held in great affection. After the war he became an instrument inspector at Gatwick Airport and, after retirement (and their Golden Wedding), they moved to Grove Court, Deddington (where he fed the wild birds and was very popular with the local dogs! ET). Until prevented by ill health they regularly attended the Parish Church. He died in Glebefields Nursing Home, Banbury. We extend our sympathy to Daisy and family.

KEN REEVES

RICHARD BERTIE BOLTON, aged 70 years.

Dickie was born in Steeple Aston. After school he became a painter and decorator working first in Banbury and then, until he retired, for George Gibbs in Deddington. In his twenties he married Pat and they had four children: Annie, Carolyn, Keith and Richard. Dickie was very much a family man, cheerful, humorous, concerned for others and with a fund of stories! He bore his illness with great courage. We extend sympathy to his family.

KEN REEVES

ARTHUR TOMPKINS, aged 73 years.

Arthur was born in Kineton. After school he joined the Fleet Air Arm in which he served throughout the war. He then became an agricultural salesman. In 1951 he married Mary and they lived in Deddington. They had three children, Chris, Jane and Sue. On retirement he worked in the Voluntary Ambulance Service. He enjoyed cricket (there was a Tompkins XI in the 70's!), dog racing and his much loved Hempton fields. We extend sympathy to Mary and her family.

KEN REEVES

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We look forward to seeing you at the Exhibition.

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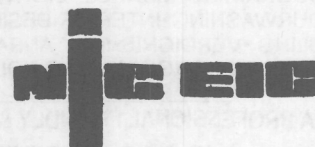
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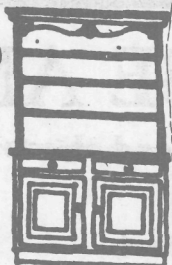


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CALLING ALL CLUBS

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DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB

We have 23 signed up members for Monday evenings, 7.30-9.30pm. On April 20 we had the 'A' Team who organised rounders and a bouncy castle. Gladiator Joust and Cherwell Sports Team have been booked for future weeks. We would like to see more girl members.

This is an important club for the village and we still need more helpers. Any volunteers please phone:

GAY BREWER 338097 or FIONA IRVINE 347643

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing the cricket season seems a long way off. Indoor nets at the Spiceball Centre were held on Sunday mornings until flooding cancelled the last two sessions. Work has carried on preparing the square, practice facilities and renovating the sight screen for the new season. All we need now is for the rain to stop. Off the field Mick Merrick has been continuing preparations for the club's application to the Lottery Fund; this has now received support from the Parish Council.

As soon as the weather changes, practice sessions are planned for Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm. New members should contact John Stiff on 338392, or me.

MARK RYLAND 338261

DEDDINGTON JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Deddington Junior CC are holding their outdoor training, including net practice, with qualified coaches at the Windmill Centre on Thursday evenings between 6.30-8.30pm. Please come along if you are over 10 and under 16 years of age; all boys and girls welcome. Further info: U-11s, Derek Cheeseman 338609; U-13s, G. Duggan 338827; U-16s, M. Pearson 01295-720826

JACQUIE CHAPMAN

D.O.G.S. (DEDDINGTON ORIGINAL GOLF SOCIETY)

As a new season beckons and we all dream of sub-par golf played in good humour with kindred spirits, we can again look forward to first class courses with Leamington, Burford, Broadway and Naunton Downs to whet the appetite. We are delighted to announce the introduction of a new match play event, the Eric Spencer Memorial Trophy, which has been kindly donated to D.O.G.S. by the Spencer family (and received with many thanks).

ROY HART, CHAIRMAN 338871

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

Spring Show at Malvern Friday, May 8. We will meet at the Town Hall at 9.30am and hope to be back at about 5.30pm. Entry tickets £7.50; coach £10; money to me, please.

Thursday, June 4. We have been invited to visit Wendy and Brian Lewis' delightful hillside garden at The Beck, Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew. They will be open for Deddington Gardeners to visit and enjoy light refreshments from 7-9.30pm. Please phone me if you would like to come (to give Wendy some idea of numbers) and I will give you directions. There is parking, but doubling up on cars would help.

Sunday, June 28. Please remember Christine Blentoft needs offers of help for her Open Garden day: cakes for tea and lots of plants for the plant stall!

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

DEDDINGTON W. I.

After our meeting on April 14 we were all better informed about the work of the Environmental Department at Cherwell District Council. Mrs Wendy Kingsbear gave us a most clear explanation of the wide variety of instances where the Department have the power, and are obliged, to act: from rubbish skips to re-cycling bins to shops and restaurant kitchens, and much in between. Wendy's slides illustrated the very essential role the Department has in helping to keep the public at large healthy.

Line Dancing: We have another date booked: June 3 at the Windmill Centre. Come, enjoy it, and have another go! Friends, family, children over 12 years, husbands, partners, all welcome. Bryan, Diane and Barbara will instruct us again; £1 entrance. Book the date in your diary now. And if anyone wishes to join us or just look us over, we shall be very happy to see them.

RENE MAHONY 338438

THE MONDAY MORNING CLUB

In April a group went to see Ben Jonson's *Bartholomew Fair*, a rollick through the customs and morals of early C17 London. The RSC production drives the play forward with unflagging theatrical ingenuity. If the action is, at times, overwhelming, at least the audience leave knowing they have been to the theatre. We have a busy time ahead: an evening trip to Broughton Castle on May 13; Oxford Playhouse to see *The Herbal Bed* on June 9; and Stratford to see *The Tempest* on July 8. The minibus usually leaves the Market place 6.15-6.30pm for theatre trips but for Broughton Castle departure will be 5.30pm. Please note the Holly Tree AGM on May 27 at 7.30pm in The Holly Tree. The Monday Morning Club, as successor to the former Holly Tree Club, is the body responsible for the running of the building so please turn out for that occasion.

JEAN FLUX 338153

CALLING ALL CLUBS contd.

DEDDINGTON SCOUTS AND CUBS

SCOUTS - It's been a busy few months for the scouts, beginning in November at Home Farm, Clifton, where the boys experienced a week-end of night hikes and other outdoor activities. In January there was another camping week-end, at Gilwell. Luckily the weather was fine, enabling the boys to earn their mapper, orienteering and pioneering badges. A combined team from Deddington and Bodicote also won the Gilwell Challenge beating troops from all over the country - well done! Also in January, an overnight hike from Edgehill to the scout camp at Horley.

On March 26 Tim Doole was presented with his Chief Scout Award by District Commissioner Bob Scott, only the fifth Deddington scout ever to receive this award. Tim now moves on to the Ventures and will be spending three weeks exploring Iceland with them this summer. On April 5, scouts from the district rode their bikes around the racing circuit at Silverstone, for fun and charity. They all enjoyed themselves despite the foul weather. The District Incident Hike (hiking and problem solving) arranged for the same week-end was won by James Sale, Tom Hall and Nat Rolfe from Deddington.

CUBS - This term cubs have been working towards their First Aid and Hobby badges and looking at all aspects of water. It is with regret, however, that we say goodbye to Tony and Sally Clear who have been running the pack for five years. We wish them well for the future. If you have any interest in becoming the leader or helper of this thriving pack, please contact me. In the same vein we would like to start a Beaver colony for the younger boys and will also require a leader and helper.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the cake stall; we raised £80. **STUART PEARSON 338642**

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

An infestation of beetles was very evident at the Friendship Club at the beginning of April! They were safely removed by the members amidst great hilarity and anxious participation: the occasion, of course, our Beetle Drive. At a second meeting the ingenuity and skills demonstrated in the production of some extremely attractive Easter bonnets provided the ladies with many talking points and much enjoyment. The gentlemen were missed!

PAT BRITTAIN 338685

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team results

Priors Sports(a) (Alan Hughes Trophy)	Won 3-2 M.Hewitt(2), S.Shepherd
Cropredy Res(h)	Won 2-0
Bishops Itchington Res (Alan Hughes Trophy Final)	Won 2-0 T.Chatterton, M.Cadd
Byfield(h)	Won 6-0 M.Hewitt(3), C.Hill(2), M.Cadd

Another good month for the 1st Team in which they also captured their first piece of silverware. An excellent performance against Priors Sports secured a Semi Final victory. In a close match for the Alan Hughes Trophy Final, Deddington eventually ran out of Worthy Winners, scoring two second half goals. On the league front things are still going very well; a couple more wins should ensure the Division 1 title. This would bring promotion to the Premier Division.

Reserve team results

Fenny Compton(h)	Lost 3-4 W.Cheeseman(2), P.Lewis
Wroxton Res(a)	Lost 1-2 W.Cheeseman

Unfortunately the reserve's winning run has come to an abrupt end. But in both defeats the margins have been very narrow and the reserves still maintain their mid table position. **STEVE PLUMBE 01295-278258**

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

The AGM was held in The Holly Tree on April 20. Next year's committee was elected as follows: Chairman, Jim Flux; Vice Chairman, Elizabeth Reed; Treasurer, Martin Squires; Secretary, Jean Flux; Committee members, George Fenemore, Olivia Minnear, Clare Lester. It was agreed to place the group on a more formal footing by the adoption of a written constitution, a draft of which was circulated and accepted by the meeting. Among subjects discussed were the next set of improvements to theatre facilities in the Windmill Centre to be funded and effected by the Players; and the players' own production plans. All being well there should again be an October play and a village pantomime.

JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON COLTS FOOTBALL TEAM

Following the success of our under 14 and under 12 teams, we now plan to start a brand new team for boys aged 10 and 11 years. We are looking for enthusiastic boys to attend trial sessions at the Windmill Centre during May and June. The season begins in September, 1998, in the Witney Boys League. Further information from: **GED RHIND, 340402** or: **STEVE WALKER, 338013**

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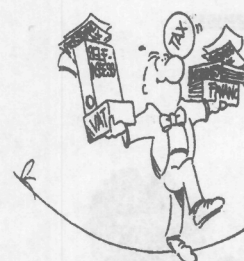
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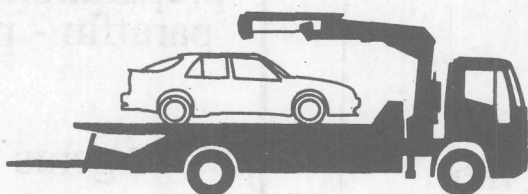
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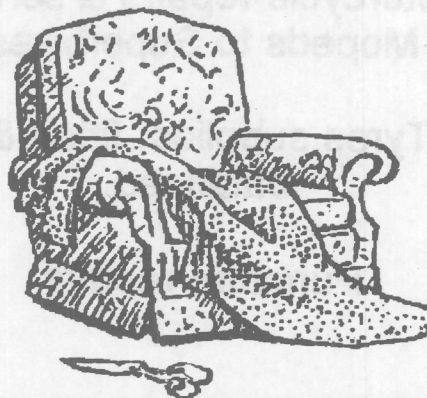
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THE WAY WE WERE

Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

(This is the first diary entry since February. The sad reason is apparent below. Ed.)

May, 1848. We remained at Torquay till the 23rd of May, on which memorable day we quitted the place, in deepest sorrow, with the perishable remains of our most dear and only daughter Betsy - who expired in the 19th May (Friday), peacefully and we were led to hope without much suffering. I closed her sweet blue eyes, never to open more in this world, in the presence of her dearest and almost broken hearted Mother, Sarah her faithful servant and attendant for several years and the Nurse named Richards whom we had called in 3 or 4 days before her death. She was in her nineteenth year. She was seized with gastric fever on Good Friday and expired on that day month - previously she had been progressing hopefully and promisingly. But it pleased God in his mercy and wisdom to take her to himself - to glory and happiness everlasting. To us our first and heaviest earthly trial. We reached home in safety, her two brothers from Marlborough and Robert from Thame having joined us - her eldest brother, and her favourite, was with us at Torquay. He arrived with me in March from his Tutor's place in Cheshunt, at which place he was seized with a virulent attack of Scarlet Fever. The Doctors for 3 days despaired on his recovery and I was summoned to him where I remained for a fortnight - at the end of which time it pleased God to enable him to move away to Torquay for a change of air and scene. He is now we hope convalescent if not stronger and more healthy than before his attack - but the medical men both agreed much care must be taken of him for the next two or three years. Our journey from Torquay I need hardly say was a truly painful one and most trying to our feelings. especially so from Oxford home, that home which she had left so fondly hoping to return to it again (in improved health and spirits) after a few months absence. On entering the house our hearts were most sad and heavy - in short they were bleeding. All seemed to sympathise with us - from the highest to the lowest in the Parish - as did many kind friends at Torquay - whose feeling and considerate conduct from first to last must ever remain lastingly impressed upon our hearts.

Her funeral took place at Adderbury on Saturday, May the 17th - she was followed to her grave by myself, her brothers, her Uncle John and her Uncle Barber (her godfather) as mourners - besides the servants and some of our tenants and Mr. Turner, the medical man here, and Messrs. Gardner, Stilgoe and Bellow. The funeral service was well and impressively read by Mr. Noel, the curate. The following Clergy attended as pall bearers :- Wyatt of Broughton; Nelson of Bodicote; Malcolm of Duns Tew; Hutchinson of Barton; Payne of Swalcliffe: and Mr. Wilson Jr. of Worton.

Her remains were deposited in a new vault in the Churchyard near the South Porch which I had had made on the death of her dear Aunt Cotton. "May my last end be like hers."

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Congratulations to Leah and Jim Caulcott on the birth of their third daughter Esmee Elizabeth. 21 people attended The Vigil and Service of Light at Easter, a good attendance considering the inclement weather. The average attendance at St. John's is just over 20 and the Church of England is challenging churches to double their congregation by the year 2000 so there is food for thought in our village. The Friends are organising some events this year: Friday 5 June - a wine tasting evening at 7.30pm, tickets £10.00 per head (available from myself, 338054) and suitable refreshments available; 21 June at 2.30pm, a Family on Foot Treasure Hunt around the village. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Come on the day and enjoy yourselves. It is hoped to incorporate a pennies collection and plant sale at the same time; 19 July, Stonewalls gardens will be open and the Friends hope to put on an exhibition of wedding and christening memorabilia in the Church. If anyone has anything to display please contact Pam Dodd on 338112. LES CHAPPELL

FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS - 16 calls received this month: 2 chimney fires; 1 fire at Archers Timber Yard, Banbury; 2 car fires; 6 calls to flooding; 2 false alarms with good intent, 3 calls to stand by at other stations, which is 47 calls to date; 14 more than this time last year.

CREWING LEVELS - Since the last issue Martin Freeman has returned to work in the village which means one extra for daytime crewing. Now the Station can be on the run for most of the time but we still need more personnel.

TRAINING - as I write, Anne Waters is attending a Junior Officers' course at the Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh. Soon Martin Freeman and Peter Taylor will be on a one week's breathing apparatus course at Didcot and Peter will go on a driving course.

Don't forget Saturday 30 May, when we will be doing a sponsored row underneath the Town Hall in aid of the Church Roof Appeal.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES 338943

CONTACTS page will appear in the June issue of the DN when we have full details of the new PC.

ON THE FARM

Well, I got it wrong, it was not the politicians and experts that put the mockers on it, but the weather man! It all started to go wrong the week before Easter when the steady rain had put the river and the Deddington brook over their banks on several occasions but the storms on the Wednesday night and on Maundy Thursday caused a flash flood to hit the Cherwell catchment area. We were woken up by a thunderstorm just before dawn on Maundy Thursday and one look out of the window was enough to tell me we had a major problem on our hands. 400 ewes and their lambs, most of which were under 3 weeks old, would have to be moved to high ground as soon as it got light. It sounds simple but anyone who has worked with sheep will know that they hate water and are almost impossible to drive in rain, but we achieved our aim and got all the ewes and lambs safely to higher ground. Within an hour of getting the last lot off, the meadows were wall to wall water. The next job was to make sure the lambs had found their mothers after all the confusion and then to feed all the ewes. This proved difficult as all the hay feeders were under water by now and the feed troughs were last seen heading at a fast rate of knots towards Somerton. However we managed and despite being cold, wet and covered in mud the lambs have survived so far. The sudden change from lush spring grass back to full winter rations will reduce the milk yield of the ewes and put the growth rate of the lambs back, so the lambs will need an extra 3 to 4 weeks before they are ready for market. Oh well, perhaps the £ will have fallen by then and they will be worth a bit more!

We lost some 3 acres of the spring beans which were washed out of the ground by the run-off from the fields above and the rooks from Bowmans Bridge made short work of the exposed seed. I had 6 hives of bees floating for an hour or so but they did not seem to be bothered by the experience, or perhaps they were just seasick. Anyway, to put things back into perspective the trout fishing has got off to a good start (they are not bothered by rain). The water companies still have not got the right type of rain, the politicians still have time to mess things up and soon I shall no doubt be moaning because it is too dry.

GEORGE FENEMORE



GARDENING NOTES

This is by way of an aside to those gardeners who are not quite as energetic as they once were. We all want our patches of ground to look as attractive as they always have but we have to think of how much time we can afford to devote to gardening before energy peters out. With this in mind I think of the last thing first. Clearing up takes time, tools have to be cleaned and put away and the rubbish disposed of. So I try and stop a little earlier. I give myself a time limit - an hour at a time, or even half an hour before I start packing up. It also pays to concentrate on one patch at a time. My inclination is to flit from one side of the garden to the other and do a bit here and a bit there. I now decide on one bed for the day and bring everything I need with me. Like master chefs who ought to be able to cook with only the aid of a very sharp knife and a wooden spoon, good gardeners ought to make do with very few tools. But we all have our favourites. Mine go into an ancient Sussex trug. I bring that and an old bucket for weeds and rubbish as well as my latest aid, a kneeler with handles to hoist myself up. The pad in the Harrods bag has been pensioned off. On a cheerful note, May really is a glorious time in an English flower garden. The golden yellows of the Narcissi give way to bright Tulips, the green is still delicate and the beds are filling in. By the end of this month the tubs will be planted out and the hanging baskets prepared. Good gardening to you all.

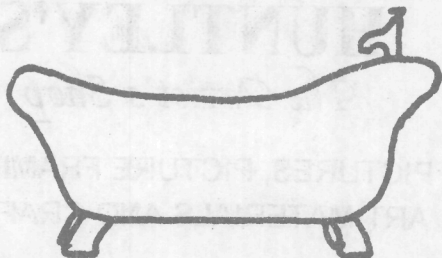
MARIANNE ELSLEY



Let no man boast himself that he has got through the perils of winter till at least the seventh of May.' Anthony Trollope

The weather, of course, plays such an important part in the allotment year. Winter is when we hope the sharp frosts will break down the soil and kill off some of the bugs; Spring the emerging sun and showers will begin to warm up the soil ready for the sowing; Summer the mixture of rain and sun brings our crops to fruition; Autumn some balmy weather so that the tidying up process can go ahead. Dream on! The Easter weekend, earmarked for a bit more digging and potato planting, was a washout (groan) and, from what I hear, those people not flooded out took hold of paint brushes and worked inside. Mmmm, well, roll on 7th May.

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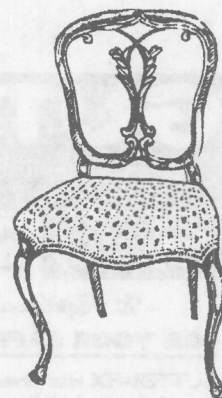
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COLIN ROBINSON: colin@photomedia.u-net.com or: 338272

DEDDINGTON HISTORY SOCIETY

A meeting to launch this society was held on Wednesday 15th April. Despite foul weather throughout the day, nearly forty people came along to the Holly Tree centre to show their interest and to offer support. Given such a response, we couldn't not go ahead with the launch! The meeting agreed to set up a small working party which will recommend a constitution and devise a format for the society's activities. It is likely that there will be a series of monthly lectures, possibly starting in September, devoted to history and archaeology, with a particular emphasis on this region. We hope also to arrange a programme of fieldwork for those who are interested, and to provide a focus and support for those engaged in research into local and family history. But anyone with an interest in the history of Deddington and its neighbours will be welcome. Watch this space.

CHRIS DAY 337204. E-mail: christopher.day@conted.ox.ac.uk

DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP

Many thanks to Rural Action, who have awarded the Group £2,000 towards the Millennium project. As soon as the weather is more reliable, aerial photography will start - essential if we are to map the variety and individuality of the whole parish at the Millennium. In practice, of course, we have to "freeze frame" before the year 2000 - otherwise the Master Map could not be ready on time. NORMAN STONE 338019

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Wed	27	Monday Morning Club AGM, The Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Fr	29	British Legion: Phase One Disco, 8.45 pm.
Sat	30	Deddington Fire Service; Sponsored Row for Church Restoration Appeal, Market Place, 9 am.
JUNE DIARY		
Wed	3	Deddington Day Care AGM, The Windmill Centre, 6.30 pm.
Wed	3	WI: Line Dancing at the Windmill Centre. (p.00)
Th	4	Deddington Gardeners' visit to Duns Tew garden, 7-9.30 pm. (p 9)
Fr	5	Wine Tasting evening at St John's Church, Hempton, 7.30 pm.
Sat	6	British Legion: Dave Shirley. (Live Music). 8.45 pm.
Mon	8	Monday Morning Club: Holly Tree, 10 am - noon.
Tu	9	WI: My Visit to Buckingham Palace to receive my MBE, Mrs Edgington, Holly Tree 7.30 pm.
Tu	9	Monday Morning Club visit to Playhouse Theatre. Bus leaves the Market Place at 6.30 pm.
Wed	10	Friendship Club: Whist Drive, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Fr	12	British Legion: Street Level Disco, 8.45 pm.
Wed	17	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Sun	21	St John's Church, Hempton: Treasure Hunt on foot, 2.30 pm.
Tu	23	COPY DATE FOR JULY DEDDINGTON NEWS.
Tu	23	Dialability Mobile Information Unit, Market Square, 10 am - 3 pm.
Wed	24	Friendship Club: Outing. (venue to be chosen)
Sat	27	British Legion: Legend (Live Music), 8.45 pm.
Sun	28	Garden Open Day, Old Post House, New Street, in aid of Church Restoration Appeal. (p 5)
*Sat	9 May	Bowls Club Cake Stall under the Town Hall - morning

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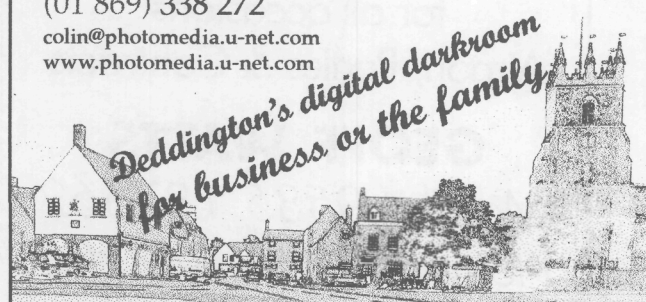
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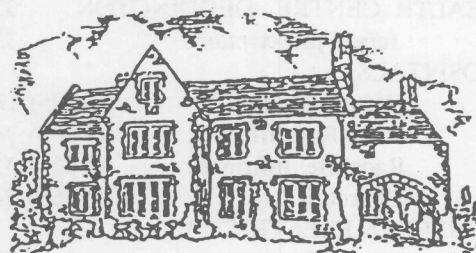
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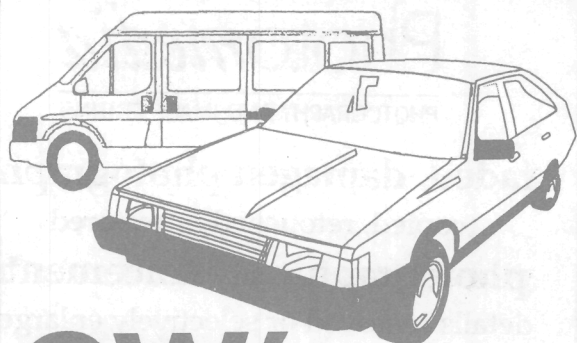
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